

REMARKS

Applicants submit the above amendment in order to assert the government interest in this matter. In addition, this amendment seeks to correct the error made by the Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment of April 22, 2002 whereby the Examiner amended the specification to update the status of cited U.S. patent applications. Specifically, the filing date of the parent cases cited on page 1, lines 1-3 of the specification, was incorrectly listed as August 18, 1998. The correct filing date is August 19, 1998.

This amendment does not add any new matter, nor does it necessitate further examination of the application.

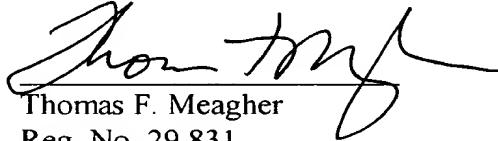
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following paragraph was inserted on page 1 after the Title:

GOVERNMENT RIGHTS

This invention was made with Government support under Contract No. DMR94-00362 awarded by NSF/MRSEC and Contract No. F49620-96-1-0277 awarded by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. The government has certain rights in this invention.

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 has been amended as follows:

This is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Applications with Serial Numbers 09/136,342, 09/136,166, 09/136,377, 09/136,165 and 09/136,164, each filed on August [18] 19, 1998, now U.S. Patent Numbers 6,352,777, 6,297,495, 6,278,055, 6,198,092 and 6,198,091, respectively.